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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY. THE DIVISION OF FORCES SET FORTH IN THE ALVOR AGREEMENT WILL APPLY IN SIX SEPARATE REGIONAL ZONES IN ANGOLA. TROOPS WILL BE INTEGRATED ONLY ON OPERATIONS AND PATROLS. A MINIMAL PORTUGUESE RESIDUAL FORCE AND TRAINING ROLE IS NOW FORESEEN. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ON THE UNIFIED MILITARY FORCE (UMF) PROVIDED FOR IN THE ALVOR AGREEMENT.

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3. PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBERATION GROUPS AND THE

PORTUGUESE CALLS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX MILITARY ZONES WITH HEADQUARTERS IN CABINDA, CARMONA, LUANDA, MALANGE, NOVA LISBOA AND SA DA BANDEIRA. WITHIN EACH OF THESE REGIONS THE NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM EACH MOVEMENT PUT UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE UNIFIED MILITARY FORCE WILL BE EQUAL. A PORTUGUESE OFFICER WILL PROBABLY BE IN COMMAND OF EACH ZONE AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE FORCES INTEGRATED INTO THE UNIFIED COMMAND IN THE ZONE WILL EQUAL THE TOTAL OF THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. EACH LIBERATION GROUP ARMY AND THE PORTUGUESE WILL BE BILLETED SEPARATELY AND PERSONNEL WILL BE INTEGRATED ONLY DURING OPERATIONS. THE PORTUGUESE ARE WILLING TO STANDARDIZE ARMS AMONG THE LIBERATION GROUPS BY ISSUING THE PORTUGUESE MADE G-3 RIFLE AND OTHER WEAPONS TO ALL THREE LIBERATION FORCES. LISBON WILL PAY THE COSTS OF THE PORTUGUESE CONTINGENT AND THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL FUND THE UNITS INTEGRATED INTO THE UMF.

4. TRAINING: UNITS INTEGRATED INTO THE UMF ARE TO BE FULLY TRAINED BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BEFORE DEPLOYMENT. A FUTURE TRAINING ROLE IS FORESEEN FOR PORTUGUESE NAVAL AND AIR FORCE CADRES INSIDE ANGOLA, AS WELL AS FOR TRAINING OF ANGOLAN OFFICERS IN PORTUGAL FOR ALL THREE SERVICES. THE HIGH COMMAND FORESEES A PORTUGUESE ARMY FORCE REMAINING AFTER MARCH 1, 1976 IN A LIMITED TRAINING ROLE ONLY.

5. WITHDRAWAL: IT WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO WITHDRAW THE 24,000 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS IN ANGOLA THAT WILL BE IN ANGOLA AFTER APRIL 30, 1975. PLANS ARE TO BEGIN THE PULLOUT IN LATE OCTOBER AT A RATE OF 6,000 PER MONTH.

6. EXCESS FORCES: NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF TROOPS BELONGING TO THE LIBERATION FORCES THAT ARE IN EXCESS OF THEIR 8,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE UMF. AT THE MOMENT THIS IS A PROBLEM ONLY WITH FNLA AND IT APPEARS THAT THE EXCESS SOLDIERS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNDER DIRECT FNLA CONTROL.

7. CABINDA: FNLA TROOPS WILL HAVE THEIR ALLOTTED SHARE OF THE CABINDA GARRISON. TO DATE FNLA HAS NEVER OPERATED MILITARILY OR POLITICALLY IN CABINDA, PRESUMABLY OUT OF DEFERENCE TO MOBUTU.

8. THE EARLY MILITARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE GONE QUITE WELL, BUT
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FEW MATTERS HAVE BEEN FIRMLY SETTLED AND THE HARD OPERATIONAL DECISIONS REMAIN. THE FORCE BEING FORMED IS CLEARLY NOT YET A NATIONAL ARMY BUT AN UNEASY CO-OCCUPATION OF ANGOLA BY THE THREE GROUPS. NO LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS YET WILLING TO SUBSUME ITS ARMED FORCE UNDER A UNITED ANGOLAN ARMY FOR FEAR OF LOSING ITS ABILITY TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY.

9. IN LUANDA 050 WE REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE EIGHT VOTES

IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION: ONE EACH FOR THE SIX MILITARY MEMBERS, ONE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL AND ONE FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. ONE ITEM WE SHOULD ADD IS THAT IN THE CASE OF A TIE VOTE THAT SIDE FOR WHICH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER VOTES WILL WIN. THIS CONCEPT IS CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT IN ARTICLE THIRTY.

10. IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE WE WILL REPORT ON THE UNPUBLISHED MILITARY ANNEX, OR PROTOCOL, TO THE ALVOR AGREEMENT.
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